



OFFENDER REGISTRATION INTERFACE: PROGRESS REPORT

JOHN GAUNTT, OFFENDER REGISTRATION UNIT MANAGER KBI

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation's Offender Registration Unit (ORU) receives registration reports for more than 17,500 sex, violent, and drug offenders from our Kansas Sheriffs. Each offender is required to register with the county Sheriff where they reside, work, or attend school every three months. The ORU's responsibility is to process those reports for the offender registry on the KBI's public website.

Offender registration reports are received by the KBI ORU through the mail, via fax, or by electronic submissions into KsORT, the KBI's offender registration computer program. A majority of the mailed and faxed reports are from Sheriffs utilizing Watch Systems'

Offender Watch program. Because they are in paper form, the ORU staff is required to review and key any changes on the offender's registration form into KsORT before the registry can be updated.

A few years ago, the Kansas Offender Registration Working Group devised plans to create an interface by which an Offender Watch user would submit reports electronically to the KBI and thereby improve the time to update an offender's record. The interface involved levels of information technology development, legal reviews, and training of offender registration staffs. Before an Offender Watch user would be able to submit reports electronically, the development and training efforts would be thoroughly tested.

During late 2015, Lyon County Sheriff was selected as the first Offender Watch user to go through this extensive process of development, training, and testing. A couple months ago, Butler County Sheriff began testing the progress of this project with its offender registration reports. Three additional counties were added several weeks ago.

We are delighted to report that during the week of July 4th both Butler and Lyon County Sheriffs have successfully begun to submit offender registration reports electronically through the interface.

In the coming weeks and months, we are hopeful that all of the Offender Watch users will transition to electronic submission. This project would not be a success without a great deal of hard work by many individuals. We have been very impressed with the staff of Watch Systems for their support through this challenging process.

We hope that the remaining Kansas counties that submit their offender registrations by paper would also transition to an electronic process. Both KsORT and Offender Watch can accomplish this. If your agency has questions about this process, please contact the KBI ORU at (785) 296-2841.

This change to electronic submissions dramatically improves the efficiency of the Kansas offender registry and how our citizens utilize the KBI's public website.

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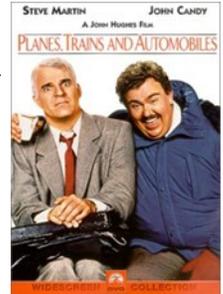
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**COMPLIANCE IS IN THE FEATURES SET AND THEIR CONFIGURATION
DON CATHEY, KCJIS INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER KHP**

When you hear “Planes, Trains, and Automobiles” what do you think of? Yes, the title of a “classic” comedy movie, but they are also different ways to get from Point A to Point B.

Similarly, when you hear **E-mail, Scan to Fax, Hosted CAD/RMS, Hosted Data backup**, what do you think of? To FBI and KCJIS security policies they are simply different ways to process and transmit Criminal Justice Information (CJI) from one system or device to other systems or devices. ***Just because policy allows it, doesn't mean you should!***



As a reminder - Any CJI being transmitted **outside the boundaries of a physically secure location** - regardless of who owns and manages the transmission systems and medium - MUST be encrypted to a minimum of 128 bit strength and certified to meet Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 140-2 levels. (Policy 5.10.1.2).

In short, CJI emailed from me@agencymail.gov to you@agencymail.gov is OK when all the data paths are protected according to FBI and KCJIS security policies.

CJI sent from me@agencymail.gov to you@someother-email.com is more challenging.

Neither FBI CJIS nor KCJIS “certify” any solutions to be compliant. *Regardless of the brand name, or what other agencies have already implemented the branded solution, it is the responsibility of each agency to ensure the products they use are installed and configured to be compliant with required security policies.* Your KHP CJIS Technical Security Auditor can help you locate all policies involved in cloud services.

While many systems may have the *capability* to meet FIPS 140-2 and other compliance requirements, they likely are not that way “out of the box”.

- Some products don't include these features or FIPS encryption modules at all
- Others likely need to turn on these features and FIPS encryption during setup and configuration.



Microsoft and other email and cloud providers may offer accessory modules that work with their primary products to search for sensitive content within the scope of their products. How that is done depends on the product.

Your agency may need to configure rules to control what and how information leaves your agency's trusted network by restricting certain data to only specific people and their approved devices and enforcing proper encryption before sending sensitive data outside. Or you may choose to block certain data from ever leaving your domain.

Some solutions will divert emails or files containing agency defined sensitive information to a secured storage area and send a link to the recipient that requires authentication to create a compliant connection to get the data.

If your agency is considering any cloud based solutions such as email, fax, data backup/disaster recovery, or other hosted data services be sure someone there has done the homework. Here are just a few questions that need to be answered to ensure your chosen products' implementation can be compliant.

- 1) Are your vendors and any sub-contractors used willing to include reference to the FBI CJIS Security Addendum into their contract? (It commits them to adherence for ALL security policies).
 - This involves record checks and security awareness training of their personnel, physical security at their data centers, and other contractor responsibilities.
 - Will they disclose their company security policies and incident handling procedures, etc. to you for review?
 - Will they submit to a security audit from your agency, the KHP audit unit, or even the FBI?
- 2) WHAT certification number is assigned by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to the encryption module as implemented in your product?

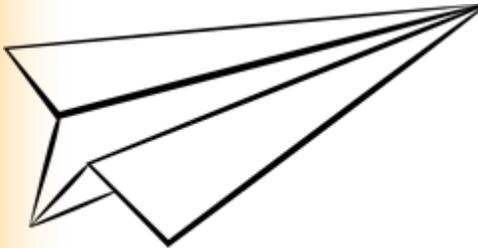
COMPLIANCE IS IN THE FEATURES SET AND THEIR CONFIGURATION, CONT. DON CATHEY, KCJIS INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER KHP

- 3) WHO is responsible for NIST/FIPS compliant configuration/implementation?
 - a) Is it that way by default?
 - b) Do they do it as part of the installed price?
 - c) Is that up to your local talent?



If these questions cannot be answered to your satisfaction, STOP RIGHT THERE!
“These aren’t the services you’re looking for.”

OFFENDER REGISTRATION NEWSLETTER JOHN GAUNTT, OFFENDER REGISTRATION UNIT MANAGER KBI



Each month the Kansas Bureau of Investigation Offender Registration Unit (ORU) distributes a newsletter to Kansas Sheriffs in order to maintain effective communication within the Kansas offender registration regulatory community. The newsletter typically includes updates on current ORU projects, a best practice training tip, the Top Ten non-compliant registered offenders, and upcoming training opportunities for ORU and the other Information Division Services Units (ten print identification, criminal history records, and incident based reporting).

If you are County / District Attorney and would like to be added to the distribution, please contact Program Consultant Shannon Domingo, (785) 296-1005, Shannon.Domingo@kbi.state.ks.us. If you are already on the distribution list and have a question or suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Shannon Domingo.

KEY KCJIS RELATED LEGISLATION PASSED IN 2016 ED KLUMPP, CHAIR KCJIS COMMITTEE

Several pieces of legislation signed into law from the 2016 session will effect KCJIS users. Those include the following:

- The KBI is authorized to enter into agreements with state agencies and municipalities to share and authenticate electronically stored information provided to the KCJIS central repository. The definition of “criminal justice information system” is also amended to include electronically stored information, and a definition for “electronically stored information” is added. The new law also includes use of the records within the hearsay evidence exception for content of the official records. The amendments are aimed at facilitating the use of records within the KCJIS system at the KBI captured in the new RAPID system. However, the new law encompasses “any electronically stored information from a state agency or municipality” covered by “an agreement with any state agency or municipality to allow for the sharing and authentication of any electronically stored information held by the state agency or municipality, in whole or in part, to the central repository.”
- DUI law enforcement reports are now accessible to a person facing an administrative hearing at the Department of Revenue. The agency may charge up to \$0.25 per page for the copy of the report.
- A major change to open records is how video from body cameras and car cameras is handled. Under the new law those videos are classified as “investigatory records” and are handled as such in an open records request. However, certain persons still have access to view (not to get a copy of) the video. They include a person who is the subject of the video, the parent of a person under 18 who is the subject of the video, or an attorney representing either of those persons. The law does not prohibit the release of such video by the agency, but restricts access through open records requests. Remember all other open records exceptions also still apply.
- The open records laws are amended to include work related data and documents in the possession of the employees of government agencies subject to the open records act. This was aimed at the use of private e-mail; however, it includes more than just e-mail. Your governing agency should be providing direction on this issue.

You can see more KCJIS related legislation in a report at <http://www.kslawenforcementinfo.com/kcjis.html> or even more 2016 legislative information at <http://www.kslawenforcementinfo.com/2016-session.html>

LIVESCANS AVAILABLE WITH NCHIP GRANT**NICOLE HAMM, INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR KBI**

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) has requested federal grant funds for FY17 to purchase 10 electronic fingerprint capture devices ("livescans"). The money requested for this purchase would be derived from the Bureau of Justice Statistics National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP).

The goal of purchasing these livescan devices is to increase the number of Kansas criminal arrest and booking records created and submitted electronically. This furthers the KBI's mission to support the crime fighting and criminal justice capabilities of Kansas law enforcement by increasing the number of automated arrest records submitted to the Central Repository of Criminal History Records at the KBI. On the national level, increasing livescan submissions assists the objectives of the NCHIP program to improve the Nation's safety and security by enhancing the quality, completeness, and accessibility of criminal history record information.

KBI would like to provide these machines for agencies that do not currently have a livescan device or currently have one, but the technology is outdated. The KBI would be purchasing these 10 machines for the local agencies with grant funds. However, the local agency would be responsible for the annual maintenance fee. The fees for these machines range from \$1980-\$3600, depending on the vendor selected.

KBI should be notified of the grant award by early fall. If you have any questions or are interested in being considered for one of these machines, please feel free to contact me directly at 785-296-8256 or via email at nicole.hamm@kbi.state.ks.us.

KIBRS GATEWAY UPDATE**CONNIE MOLINA, PROGRAM CONSULTANT KBI**

The KIBRS gateway will be updated on September 2, 2016 with the latest statute file. We ask that your agency connect to the KBI with an "empty" gateway on your end in order to successfully update. This means that your agency should submit all KIBRS data that you have imported into your local gateway prior to August 29, 2016 and reconnect to KBI by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 31st.

The KIBRS Gateway will be off-line between 9:00 A.M. September 1st, and 10:00 A.M. on September 2 to allow for the monthly FBI submission and the scheduled update.

If you have any questions regarding this process please contact the Incident-Based Reporting Section at (785) 296-8279 or (785) 296-4373, or the KBI Help Desk at (785) 296-8262

KCJIS USER GROUPS**MELISSA WEISGERBER, IT PROGRAM CONSULTANT KBI**

If you attended the 2016 KCJIS Conference, it was mentioned that KBI is trying to revamp the KCJIS Users Groups across the state, as in the past they split the state into regions and held monthly or quarterly meetings. Over time, these groups have stopped functioning except in the Northeast Region, and in the KC Area which has a LERA group going on. There may be other purpose-built working groups in different areas of the state, but we are not aware of them, and communication between groups seems to be poor or non-existent if they do exist.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation wanted to reach out to each of you, as we are eager to start the process to see who is interested in either participating as much or little as they would like. We need to try to get a main point of contact for each region created to help organize the regional groups, make sure meetings are held (as often as appropriate - whether it be monthly, bi monthly or quarterly). We really would like to establish a solid line of communication across the state, so everyone is aware of what is happening, and has the opportunity to be on the same page.

We encourage you all to also think of others within the criminal justice community – not just law enforcement or communications – who might benefit from being a part of these groups, and from whose point of view we all might benefit. Practice groups such as prosecutors, court personnel, corrections, probation/parole, victim advocate groups, or any others involved in criminal justice could provide valuable input and points of view for all of us.

KCJIS USER GROUPS, CONTINUED

MELISSA WEISGERBER, IT PROGRAM CONSULTANT KBI

Benefits of KCJIS Users Groups...

- Solid communication across the state - shared experience and strength of community
- Provide input on new systems and changes being considered or implemented
- Be a voice for what your region may be in need of
- A method of communication across different areas of practice within the criminal justice community
- Feedback and guidance to state agencies
- Exchange of operational information between local agencies

To the right is a copy of the proposed region map; it is not set in stone, and we encourage any feedback. We're hoping that down the road this map will be a great resource tool holding contact information for each region, and possibly other things depending on feedback. This is a tool in a sense for you all to have and to utilize as much or as little as you'd like. Please contact Melissa Weisgerber for further questions, or if interested.

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PROPOSED KCJIS USERS GROUPS REGIONS



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NEWS FROM THE KBI HELP DESK

JAVIER BARAJAS, NETWORK CONTROL TECHNICIAN III KBI

LEO Flying Armed

Effective May 11th, 2016 the Law Enforcement officers Flying Armed (LEOFA) program added a few enhancements. The enhancements affect the EIT, CAP and FLN fields.

EIT: Escorted Individuals Type has been changed to Explanation of Individual's Travel. The EIT must be exactly one word, with no added spaces or punctuation. Possible submissions for EIT are: Prisoner, Dignitary, Surveillance, etc. The EIT does remain mandatory.

CAP: Connecting Airport field has been updated. The CAP field can now accept multiple airport codes, and must be current federalized airports separated by commas. Example: DCA, CLT, GSP. The CAP field is optional and not necessary if the LEO does not have a connecting flight.

FLN: Flight Number has also been updated. Like the CAP field the FLN field also now accepts multiple airport codes. Flights should be listed in chronological order and separated by commas. Example: AA1234, AA5678, UA9012. This update provides TSA, LEO and LEO's employing agency the necessary level of liability protection in the event of an incident.

VIN Decoder Document

Recently added to the Information tab under KDOR is the 'VIN Decoder 1974-2008' document that helps confirm a VIN is valid by identifying each character in the VIN. This document will assist with most make/models between 1974 and 2008.

KCJIS User Group

At the May meeting the group discussed Kansas Misdemeanor Warrant File. Our next meeting is on September 1st, 2016 starting at 12:00PM in the Auditorium at the KBI Headquarters building in Topeka. If you are interested in a meeting in your area of the State, contact Melissa Weisgerber at Melissa.Weisgerber@kbi.state.ks.us or 785-296-8281.

KSORT—MAKING IT EASIER
JENNIFER SLAGLE, PROGRAM CONSULTANT KBI

Hello KsORT users! Are there times when you are updating registration information and aren't sure if you should enter new information in KsORT or if you are able to overwrite the information that has been previously entered? Hopefully the information provided here will help clarify some of the confusion in those situations.

Licenses –

- › If the type changes (driver's license/state ID), a new line must be entered.
- › If the license number or issuing state changes, a new line must be entered.
- › The expiration date can be overwritten.
- › A previous DL/state ID can be reactivated if the license number matches.

Vehicle Information –

- › License plate number/plate type – These changes require entering a new line. Except for when changing from a temporary tag to a permanent tag, then the plate number and type may be overwritten.*
- › The expiration date and general parking locations can be overwritten.
- › Any other changes in the fields of - state registered, VIN, vehicle year, make, model, style, or color require entering a new line.
- › A previous vehicle can be reactivated as long as all the previous information matches.

Address/Employment/School Information –

- › Any change in street, city, county, or zip code requires ending the current address and entering a new line.
- › Phone can be overwritten.
- › If an offender is returning to a previous entry, it must be entered as a new line to keep an accurate record of dates. A previous entry cannot be reactivated.
- › After entering a zip code, check to make sure the city and county match what is reported. If not, overwrite what is populated in KsORT to match what is reported.

Employment –

- › Occupation/job title and name of supervisor can be overwritten.

School information –

- › When selecting from the school list, be sure to choose the correct location when there are multiple branches.

Tab	Field	Ability to Overwrite
Licenses	License Number	No
	Issuing State	No
	Expiration Date	Yes
Vehicle Information	License Plate Number	No*
	State Registered	No
	License Plate Type	No*
	License Plate Expiration Date	Yes
	VIN, Vehicle Type, Year, Make, Model, Style, Color	No
	General Parking Locations	Yes
Addresses/Employment/School	Street, Apt, City, County, State, Zip Code	No
	Phone	Yes
	Start Date	No
Employment	Employer	No
	Occupation/Job Title	Yes
	Name of Supervisor	Yes
School Information	Name	No

*See exceptions as noted in article

WAY TO GO E-DISPO!**KRISTI CARTER, RECORDS UNIT MANAGER KBI**

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation has been receiving electronic dispositions since August 2015. The KBI would like to encourage agencies across the state to consider submitting dispositions to the central repository electronically. Electronic submissions drastically reduce the average entry time of dispositions to the computerized criminal history database. 29.6% of dispositions received in the first quarter of 2016 were electronic and the average days to entry was reduced from 904 days to 118 days.

Agencies can submit dispositions directly from their records management software by connecting to the electronic disposition interface or via the electronic form on the KCJIS (Kansas Criminal Justice Information System) web portal. Once dispositions are transmitted they go directly to the appropriate criminal history record by matching the arrest transaction number, name, and date of birth of the subject. Dispositions are made available to the rap sheet almost instantly. If a disposition does not match a record then it will be store in a queue for further research and processing by KBI Criminal History Records Staff.

If any agency or vendor is interested in connecting to the electronic disposition interface please contact Kristi Carter at Kristi.Carter@kbi.state.ks.us . If your agency is not prepared to connect to the interface but is interested in learning more about submitting electronically through the KCJIS web portal please contact Vanessa Rine at Vanessa.Rine@kbi.state.ks.us.

JULY 2016 STATUTE FILE RELEASE**JESSICA CROWDER, PROGRAM CONSULTANT KBI**

By now you are probably aware that the current statute file was released a little later than usual. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation has implemented a new statute file database this year called eStatute. The statute file is still disseminated in the same format as before as a text, Excel or Access file. The delay in the statute file's release date is in partial result of working through issues that were discovered while putting eStatute in production. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. If you would like to be added to the distribution list or have any questions regarding the statute file, please contact Jessica Crowder at Jessica.Crowder@kbi.state.ks.us.

2016 KCJIS CONFERENCE**AMY JOHNSON, CJIS UNIT KHP****2016
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CONFERENCE
WRAP UP**

This year's conference was held at the Atrium Hotel & Conference Center in Hutchison. As always we try to provide a wide variety of interesting topics to our various KCJIS users. We were very fortunate in securing some great presenters this year. Attendance has been increasing each year as the goal has been to include all Kansas agencies that utilize KCJIS directly or indirectly. Next year's conference will be held in Topeka at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center. Future conference locations will be reviewed by the KCJIS Committee.

If you or your agency have a topic/presenter you think who might be beneficial to this conference please feel free to reach out to me at ajohnson@khp.ks.gov. Hope to see you next year.

**KBI BEGINS PROCESS TO REPLACE AGING KIBRS SYSTEM
MITCH BEEMER, INCIDENT BASED REPORTING MANAGER KBI**

In July, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation began the process to replace the current KIBRS system and its software components. As a part of this process, the KBI will be holding regional stakeholder meetings to discuss the new system. Stakeholders will be provided the opportunity to meet with KBI personnel and the vendor completing the Needs Assessment, to discuss: existing business practices, data that should be collected, needs not currently being met, downfalls of the current system, and any recommended changes. The KBI has requested 4-8 stakeholder meetings around the state in half day sessions in an interactive environment. If you or someone from your agency would be interested in attending one of these stakeholder meetings, please contact the Incident-Based Reporting unit at the KBI at (785) 296-4373.

**END OF LIFE ANNOUNCED FOR THE LEGACY STATE SWITCH ACCESS
PROTOCOL (SSAP)
JOE MANDALA, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER KBI**

At the 2016 KCJIS Conference, it was announced that the legacy State Switch Access Protocol (SSAP) would be taken out of service as of July 1, 2018. This is the old communication protocol used by the switch prior to the replacement that was completed in December of 2011. The legacy protocol was retained to allow agencies time to work with their vendors to convert to the new protocol – the Kansas Switch Interface Protocol (KSIP).

OpenFox Terminals or systems already using the KSIP protocol will not be affected by this announcement. A list of agencies currently utilizing the SSAP protocol is provided at the end of the article. If your agency is on that list, please contact your vendor or your Local Agency Security Officer (LASO)/technical support to begin the process of conversion.

When your local Record Management System (RMS) or Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system is converted, it will require a normal testing and certification process, and even after your vendor or technical staff have gone through their initial work it can take some time to complete testing and certification with the state system; you should allow at least two months for this process.

Communication is critical to assuring success; if you have any question about whether your agency is affected, please contact the KBI Help Desk.

Documentation for the new protocol has been and is available from the KBI Help Desk, and is also available on the KCJIS Portal under Information > KS Technical Information > Kansas Operating Manual – Interface Developer Packet. It includes documentation for the core specifications for communication and messaging with the switch, and also includes detailed specifications for the interfaces that have fully developed XML – including KDOR/DMV and NLETS. This documentation will need to be provided to your vendor and/or technical staff.

The following documents are included in the Interface Developer Packet:

Interface Developer Packet 1.1	Overview and Information for the Interface Developer Packet, including procedures for interface updates and approval.
Kansas Message Key Book 6.1	List and Description of Kansas Message Keys, Codes, and Edits
KBI Vehicle IEPD_1.2	Information Exchange Packet Documentation for the KDOR/DMV vehicle interface
KBI_DL_IEPD_1.0.9	Information Exchange Packet Documentation for the KDOR/DVM driver interface (not yet live at KDOR)
KCJIS Central Message Switch Developer Guide 1.1	PDF Portfolio Document which includes all other documents in the developer guide in a single packet.
NLETS NIEM 4.1 Schema	XML Schema for the NLETS Rap Sheet, including basic style sheets.
OFML Interface Specification 2.0	OpenFox Markup Language Specification – messaging format used by the state switch.
OpenFox Foxtalk Specification 1.1	Communication protocol for communicating with the state switch.

END OF LIFE ANNOUNCED FOR THE LEGACY STATE SWITCH ACCESS PROTOCOL (SSAP), CONTINUED

JOE MANDALA, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER KBI

The following agencies and servers are currently using the legacy SSAP Protocol and will need to arrange to complete conversion to KSIP by July 1, 2018:

AGENCY	SERVER	AGENCY	SERVER
Augusta Department of Public Safety	AGSPDSVR2	Lincoln Co SO	LCXSOSVR1
Andover PD	ANDPDSVR1	Leavenworth PD	LVNPDSVR2
Arkansas City PD	ARCPDSVR1	Meade CO SO	MEXSOSVR1
Barton CO Emerg Comm	BRXCCSVR2	Mitchel CO Comm Ctr	MCXCCSVR1
Brown CO SO	BRXSOSVR1	Mulvane PD	MLVPDSVR1
Butler CO Emerg Comm	BUXCCSVR1	Kstate University	MNHUPSVR1
Cowley CO SO	CLXSOSVR1	Paola PD	PAOPDSVR1
Douglas CO SO	DGXSOSVR2	Pottawatomie CO SO	PTXSOSVR1
Dickinson CO Comm	DKXCCSVR1	REJIS	REJNJSVR1
Emporia PD	EMPPDSVR1	REJIS	REJNJSVR2
Directorate of Emerg Svcs Ft Leavenworth	FRLPMSVR1	Riley Co PD	RLXPDSVR2
Fort Riley Police	FRRPMSVR1	Rose Hill PD	RSHPDSVR1
Fort Scott PD	FRSPDSVR1	Saline CO SO	SAXSOSVR2
Franklin CO SO	FRXSOSVR1	Sedgwick CO CC	SGXCCSVR3
Garden City PD (Active Testing)	GRCPDSVR2	Sedgwick CO SO	SGXSOSVR1
Garden City PD (Active Testing)	GRCPDSVR3	Salina HP (KS Highway Patrol)	SLNHPSVR1
Hays PD	HAYPDSVR1	Salina HP (KS Highway Patrol)	SLNHPSVR3
Hutchinson Comm Ctr	HTCCCSVR3	Shawnee CO CC - (inactive)	SNXCCSVR1
Harvey CO Comm Ctr	HVXCCSVR1	Sumner CO CC	SUXCCSVR2
Harvey CO Comm Ctr	HVXCCSVR3	Seward CO CC	SWXCCSVR1
Iola PD	IOLPDSVR1	Wichita PD	WCHPDSVR1
Kansas City PD (in progress)	KNCPDSVR1	Wyandotte CO SO	WYXSOSVR1

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FBI DIRECTOR MAKES IT OFFICIAL; FBI TO SUNSET SUMMARY DATA (SRS) AND TRANSITION TO 100% NIBRS REPORTING

MITCH BEEMER, INCIDENT BASED REPORTING MANAGER KBI

On June 22nd, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) distributed a letter from FBI Director James Comey documenting the decision to sunset the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Summary Reporting System (SRS) and transition to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) by 2021. In partnership with the CJIS Advisory Policy Board and major law enforcement organizations, this letter serves as official notice to the upcoming transition. This should come as no surprise to most law enforcement professionals. As I noted in the April edition of the KCJIS Newsletter, the FBI Director has made the transition from the Summary Reporting System (SRS) to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) a top priority. This transition is also supported by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Major Cities Chiefs Association, Major County Sheriffs' Association, and the National Sheriffs' Association, as well as the Executive Branch of our government. On February 9, 2016, the FBI Director signed the Advisory Policy Board recommendation:

“The FBI UCR Program will transition to a NIBRS-only data collection by January 1, 2021, and will evaluate the probability of achieving that goal on an annual basis. Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies unable to meet the five year transition and who have committed to transitioning to NIBRS will collaborate with the FBI CJIS to develop a transition plan and timeline for conversion.”

As I mentioned in the April newsletter, for many states this announcement signaled the need for major changes and/or improvements in their crime reporting abilities. However, for the majority of Kansas law enforcement agencies the transition to NIBRS was completed years ago. Most Kansas law enforcement agencies have been submitting their incident based reports, and data, to the Kansas Incident Based Reporting System (KIBRS) for years. There are still a few agencies who submit their Summary Data (SRS) to the IBR unit for submission to the FBI, but several of these agencies are already in the process of exploring ways to be able to submit NIBRS data to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI). It is the goal of the KBI to have all Kansas LEA submitting NIBRS data well in advance of the 2021 deadline.

In addition to the letter from FBI Director James Comey, we'd also like to share the link to the NIBRS promotional video, located on the NIBRS Overview webpage on FBI.gov. <https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/nibrs-overview>.

KBI ENCOURAGES AGENCIES TO TRANSITION TO ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF DATA PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF KIBRS UPGRADE

MITCH BEEMER, INCIDENT BASED REPORTING MANAGER KBI

Although a majority of Kansas agencies already have the ability to submit NIBRS data, this ability is mostly due to the capability of non-electronic agencies to mail hard copies of their reports to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), then KBI staff enters the reports into the Kansas Incident Based Reporting System (KIBRS). Less than 17% of Kansas Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) are submitting their data to KIBRS electronically. Submitting electronically allows the LEA to eliminate the need to mail the reports to the KBI, and reduces the labor intensive process of keying these reports into KIBRS. (The process of keying reports is often being done for a second time if the LEA has already keyed the reports into their local Records Management System (RMS) or KLER.)

As part of preparation for the transition to a new Incident Based Reporting system, the KBI is encouraging agencies to consider transitioning to sending data electronically. KBI believes that depending on the agency's current RMS, transitioning to electronic submission prior to the implementation of a new system will provide for a smoother transition. The KBI is not recommending that agencies who don't currently have an RMS or an RMS that is incapable of submitting electronically to KIBRS to allocate resources to do so. Instead, the KBI is encouraging agencies who already have an RMS system capable of submitting to the KBI to consider sending data electronically. Or, for those agencies to take a second look at sending electronically if an agency has considered it in the past but was discouraged due to the previously daunting process. The process for verifying an agency's ability to submit data electronically has been made much easier to help ensure more agencies can complete the process and begin submitting electronically.

If your agency has any questions about NIBRS reporting, OR, if your agency has an interest in submitting electronically, please contact the Incident Based Reporting unit at the KBI at 785-296-4373.

KANSAS VINE: VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY

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The Kansas Bureau of Investigation has received information on a new automated system called Kansas Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE). This is a new statewide automated system providing timely and reliable information about the custody status of an offender housed in Kansas County Jails and currently being implemented in select county jails. Kansas VINE is provided through a collaborative effort between Appriss, Inc., the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL), The Office of the Attorney General, and the Kansas Sheriffs' Association (KSA).

KS VINE provides registered users with free automated telephone, short messaging services (SMS/text), and e-mail notifications of any change in an incarcerated offender's custody status including release, transfer or escape. Crime victims, law enforcement officers and other registrants rely on timely notifications for safety planning, efficient criminal justice planning and other important uses.

Benefits of VINE:

- Around-the-clock support—a staff of live operators to assist victims and technicians who monitor all VINE systems
- Automates notifications to victims, allowing staff to focus on their core responsibilities
- Provides an important tool for victims to use in their safety planning
- Helps satisfy most states' legislative requirement for victim notification

How VINE works:

- VINE communicates with correctional facility booking systems in near real-time, transmitting updated information to the Appriss Data Network
- Crime victims and the general public can access the information by calling a local toll-free number or by visiting www.vinelink.com any time of the day or night
- Victims can confirm whether or not an offender is incarcerated as well as the location of the facility
- Users can register to be notified immediately of a change in the status of an offender, such as release, transfer, or escape
- When a notification is triggered, VINE automatically e-mails and/or calls the victim
- Calls continue for a designated period of time or until the victim enters a four-digit PIN

Free training will be offered that is designed to promote awareness and increase usage of Kansas' VINE among law enforcement, jail staff, victim advocates, community members, etc. on the following dates:

- August 2 10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. — Kansas City
- August 3 10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. — Topeka
- August 4 10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. — Pittsburg
- August 5 9:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M. — Wichita

If you would like to attend one of these trainings, you can register [here](#).

For more information regarding the Kansas VINE Service go to www.vinelink.com or Heather Dunlap at (785) 296-5000 x2560.





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